1)   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with attorney Michelle Replogle on 2/26/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8 is cancelled.

Specification, Page 1, below The Title, enter:

- This application is a 371 of PCT/AU02/01642 filed 12 May 2002 -.

2)   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is that the cited prior art does not show a

process for making a paper product wherein paper particles mixed with water are

deposited onto a first conveyor belt and then progressively forming the conveyor belt

into an upwardly open U-shape configuration, progressively compressed using a

second conveyor belt guided to progressively enter the first conveyor belt (**claim 1**); an

apparatus for producing a paper product including a first conveyor belt, means for

progressively form the first conveyor belt into an upwardly open U-shaped configuration,

a second conveyor belt with means for progressively guiding the second conveyor belt

into the first conveyor belt to progressively compact a mix of paper particles and water

(**claim 5**).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3)   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone no. is 571-272-1190.

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